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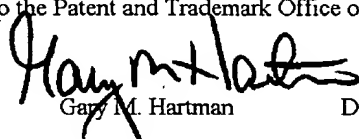
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In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified United States patent application as follows: